

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 05222.00161)

In the Application of:

Nichols, et al.

Serial No.: 09/868,664

Filed: February 8, 1999

For: System, Method and Article of
Manufacture for

) Group Art Unit: n/a

) Examiner: n/a

RECEIVED

FEB 15 2002

Technology Center 2100

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. These references may be material to the patentability of the presently pending claims. A completed Form -1449 is enclosed. Due to the large number of references and large number of related applications, the Applicant filed a single copy of all of the references in U.S. patent Application Serial No. 09/219,478 in an Information Disclosure Statement filed February 7, 2002. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/219,478 is assigned to Examiner Ingberg in Group Art Unit 2122.

A Protest under 37 C.F.R. 1.291 was filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/219,478. The Applicant is attaching a copy of the Protest, as well as a Response filed in the same application by the Applicant. The prosecution of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/219,478 remains open. The Protest and Response are attached as a courtesy to the Examiner, but are not being listed on the attached Form-1449, because they are not prior art references.

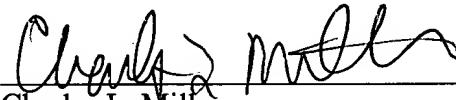
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the application filing date or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required. However, if a fee is due in



In connection with this filing, please charge any fees or credit overpayment associated with
this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-0850

Respectfully submitted,
BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

Date: February 7, 2002



Charles L. Miller
Reg. No. 43,805